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Serial No. 09/891,886) Art Unit: 2617
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For: UNIVERSAL TEST METER FOR)
DIGITAL SIGNAL DISTRIBUTION)
SYSTEMS)
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Sir:

I, Eric M. Sadowski, declare that all statements made of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true:

1. I am an applicant of the above-identified patent application and an inventor of the subject matter described and claimed therein.
2. Prior to 5th June 2000, I along with Pignan Shi conceived the idea in the United States of America as described and claimed in the above-identified application.
3. The idea of a Universal Test Meter for Digital Signal Distribution Systems was conceived during internal design

discussions in December 1999 within the WWG Indianapolis project named "Triad", this being the CATV QAM analyzer. The conceived idea was recorded in Lab Notebook Number E397 in pages 121 ~ 122 on 7th February 2000, a copy of which is enclosed as Exhibit A.

4. The invention was granted approval by the Patent Committee of WWG Cable Networks Division on 5th April 2000 with the Docket Number 1504-0059 to proceed to the application stage, a copy of which is enclosed as Exhibit B.

5. A comprehensive patent search to determine the patentability of the invention was completed by Maginot, Addison and Moore, Patent and Trademark Attorneys, on 3rd August 2000. The search concluded that patent protection was available for various aspects of the subject invention, a copy of which is enclosed as Exhibit C.

6. On June 26, 2001, United States Patent Application No. 09/891,886 was filed relating to the present invention.

7. I acknowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine and/or imprisonment, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing therefrom.

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